[No. 223]

(SB 814)

AN ACT to amend 1996 PA 463, entitled "An act to establish guidelines for the decennial adoption of redistricting plans for the senate and house of representatives; to provide original jurisdiction to the supreme court to review redistricting plans enacted by the legislature for compliance with those guidelines; and to provide a procedure for the supreme court to use to redistrict the senate and house of representatives under certain circumstances," by amending section 2 (MCL 4.262) and by adding section 1a.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

- 4.261a Senate and house districts; violation of voting rights act of 1965 prohibited. [M.S.A. 2.27(1001a)]
- Sec. 1a. Senate and house districts shall not violate section 2 of title I of the voting rights act of 1965, Public Law 89-110, 42 U.S.C. 1973.
- 4.262 Jurisdiction of supreme court to decide cases or controversies involving redistricting plan; procedures for review of legislative redistricting plan; modification of plan; remand to special master. [M.S.A. 2.27(1002)]
- Sec. 2. (1) The supreme court shall have original and exclusive state jurisdiction to hear and decide all cases or controversies in Michigan's 1 court of justice involving a redistricting plan under this act. A case or controversy in Michigan's 1 court of justice involving a redistricting plan shall not be commenced in or heard by the state court of appeals or any state trial court.
- (2) If a case or controversy involves a legislative redistricting plan but an application or petition for review has not been filed under subsection (3) or section 3, the supreme court may, but is not required to, undertake all or a portion of the procedures described in section 4.
- (3) Upon the application of an elector filed not later than 60 days after the adoption of the enactment of a redistricting plan, the supreme court, exercising original state jurisdiction provided under section 6 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963, may review any plan enacted by the legislature, and may modify that plan or remand that plan to a special master for further action if the plan fails to comply with section 1 or 1a.

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